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SUBJECT: DENMAN/MCDONALD CONVERSATION APRIL 24

1. IN DISCUSSING SOME OF THE 113 DECISIONS TAKEN LAST
FRIDAY, SIR ROY DENMAN TOUCHED ON THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT
POINTS:

A) TARIFFS: THE COMMISSION WILL BE PASSING ALONG TO
THE U.S. BY MID-WEEK A "LIST OF POSSIBLE WITHDRAWALS" FOR
OUR INFORMATION. THE EC THEN EXPECTS WE CAN BEGIN THE
HARD, DETAILED SESSIONS ON TARIFFS, COMPARING THE MOST
SENSITIVE ITEMS ON BOTH SIDES TO SEE IF WE CAN DEVELOP AN
OVERALL BALANCE AT THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL. THE COM-
MISSION HAS HANDLED THIS SITUATION SO THAT THIS IS NOT A
FORMAL WITHDRAWAL ACTION NOR ARE ANY OF THE ITEMS FINAL.
DENMAN EMPHASIZED, THEREFORE, THAT THE WHOLE LIST WAS
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STILL NEGOTIABLE BASED ON THE VALUE AND QUALITY OF THE
U.S. AND OTHER OFFERS.

B) SAFEGUARDS: AN EC DRAFT PAPER COVERING SELECTIVITY
ASPECTS WAS ALSO APPROVED BY THE 113 AND RECEIVED BY THE
MTN DEL ON MONDAY MORNING. THIS IS BEING COMMUNICATED BY
SEPTEL. DENMAN REPORTED THAT SEVERAL OF THE MEMBER STATES

(UNDOUBTEDLY FRANCE AND THE UK) WERE HIGHLY CRITICAL OF THE COMMISSION'S LACK OF PROGRESS IN THIS AREA AND OF THE COMMISSION'S APPARENT WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT SELECTIVITY AS A SECOND AND MORE DIFFICULT TRACK TO BE EMPLOYED ONLY UNDER VERY EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

C) SUBSIDIES: DENMAN SUGGESTED THAT THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE U.S. TO MAKE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS AND TO UNDERLINE ITS NEEDS FOR INCREASED SUBSIDY DISCIPLINES SHOULD BE WELL SERVED BY THE MEETINGS THIS WEEK IN GENEVA, INCLUDING ONE TO BE ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEMBER STATES. HE WAS APPARENTLY SUGGESTING THAT THE COMMISSION'S LATITUDE TO ACCOMMODATE U.S. NEEDS MIGHT BE IMPROVED IF OUR ARGUMENTS CAN BE FORCIBLY MADE AND MORE READILY ACCEPTED BY THE MEMBER STATES.

2. STANDARDS: CONCERNING STANDARDS, MCDONALD COMPLAINED THAT WE STILL SEEM TO BE HELD UP BY THE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT ASPECT OF THE STANDARDS CODE, PARTICULARLY WHEN SCHLOESSER IS PRESENT. WE OBSERVE THAT MORE PROGRESS SEEMED TO BE MADE DURING THOSE SESSIONS IN WHICH THE EC WAS REPRESENTED BY ABBOTT. DENMAN RESPONDED THAT HE PLANNED TO SCHEDULE A MAJOR REVIEW OF THE STANDARDS CODE WITH SCHLOESSER LATER THIS WEEK SO THAT WE COULD TRY TO CLOSE THIS ONE OUT EARLY NEXT MONTH. MCDONALD

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